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SUBJECT: SINGLE CELL PROTEIN

REF: (A) USDOC 10243, (B) KUWAIT 2903, (C) USDOC 09587

1. INFORMATION PARAS 1-3 ALREADY PASSED TO MALICK IN RESPONSE HIS PHONE CALL JUNE 3 PROVIDED HERE FOR THE RECORD: ALTHOUGH REF C STATED THAT GHAZI AL-NAFISI WAS PROVESTA'S "REP IN KUWAIT", ECONOMIC OFFICER MICHAUD, IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH AL-NAFISI, DID NOT ALLUDE TO AL-NAFISI'S BEING REP OF PROVESTA AS A GIVEN FACT. RATHER, DURING PHONE CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE BRIEFLY INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER AL-NAFISI REPRESENTED ICI OR PROVESTA REGARDING PETRO-PROTEIN PROPOSALS. AL-NAFISI SAID NO AND THAT WAS THAT. WE DOUBT THIS EXCHANGE WARRANTS LETTER OF APOLOGY TO "MOLLIFY" HIM. IN ANY EVENT, IT STRIKES US THAT GIVEN APPARENT SENSITIVITY, PROVESTA'S DISCUSSIONS WITH NAFISI WOULD BEST BE DONE DIRECTLY.

2. WHILE DEALING WITH NAFISI, KNPC AND PIC MAY HAVE MADE SENSE 2 1/2 YEARS AGO, WHEN MOST OF PROVESTA CONTACT
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WITH KUWAITIS ON SINGLE CELL PROTEIN TOOK PLACE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SINGLE CELL PROTEIN PROJECT NOW LIES WITH THE MINISTRY OF OIL, AND SPECIFICALLY THE MINISTRY'S DIVISIONS FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS AND FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. OIL MINISTRY HAS FINAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND IT IS APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF ANY PROPOSALS MADE BY PROVESTA.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ECON/COMM SECTION CHIEF BUCK'S QUERY JUNE 1, OIL MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DR. MUHAMMAD NASSEER SAID HE KNEW OF NO PROPOSAL ON SINGLE CELL PROTEIN BY PROVESTA CORP. NASSEER ADDED STUDY OF PROJECT WAS IN "EARLY STAGE" AND THAT BP HAS INSIDE TRACK BECAUSE OF ITS PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH KUWAIT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, SHELL HAS ALSO MADE A PROPOSAL, AND HE WOULD WELCOME ANY PROPOSAL PROVESTA SHOULD CARE TO SEND HIM. SHOULD PROVESTA CARE TO SEND NASSEER A PROPOSAL, IT WOULD PROBABLY DO WELL TO SEND COPY TO MR. ABDUL RAZZAK MULLAH AL-HUSSEIN, ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, AS WELL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED AFTER CALL TO MALICK. MR. HADEED OF IPG TOLD US JUNE 4 THAT HIS COMPANY HAS NO CURRENT INTEREST IN SINGLE CELL PROTEIN PROJECT. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS COMPANY IS NEWLY-FORMED AND IS CONCENTRATING ON ESTABLISHING ITSELF ADMINISTRATIVELY AND MAKING USEFUL CONTACTS, RATHER THAN WORKING ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS AT THIS TIME. SHOULD MALICK WISH TO CONTACT DR. NASSEER OR MR. MULLAH AL-HUSSAIN, ADDRESS IS MINISTRY OF OIL, P.O. BOX 5077, KUWAIT, KUWAIT.
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